

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Chair
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Robert B. Aderholt
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chair Cartwright, and Ranking Member Aderholt,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$1,000,000 for Cayuga County, with government offices located at 160 Genesee St., Auburn, NY 13021, to replace the county's 911 emergency radios.

The requested amount of \$1,000,000 would be used by Cayuga County toward the purchase of 911 emergency radio equipment, including approximately 600 dash mount radio units and 800 portable radios. This equipment would replace the county's current 911 radio equipment, a significant portion of which was purchased in 2010 and is now approaching the end of its operational life. Replacement equipment purchased by Cayuga County would be allocated for first responders throughout the region, lowering costs for municipalities that may otherwise need to make emergency response upgrades independently.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would ensure Cayuga County first responders are able to continue providing essential emergency services to communities in my district. Without dependable radio equipment, the emergency response system in Cayuga County would suffer significantly, jeopardizing public safety. Critically, this investment would ensure Cayuga County first responders are able to maintain quick response times during local emergencies.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Katko
Member of Congress